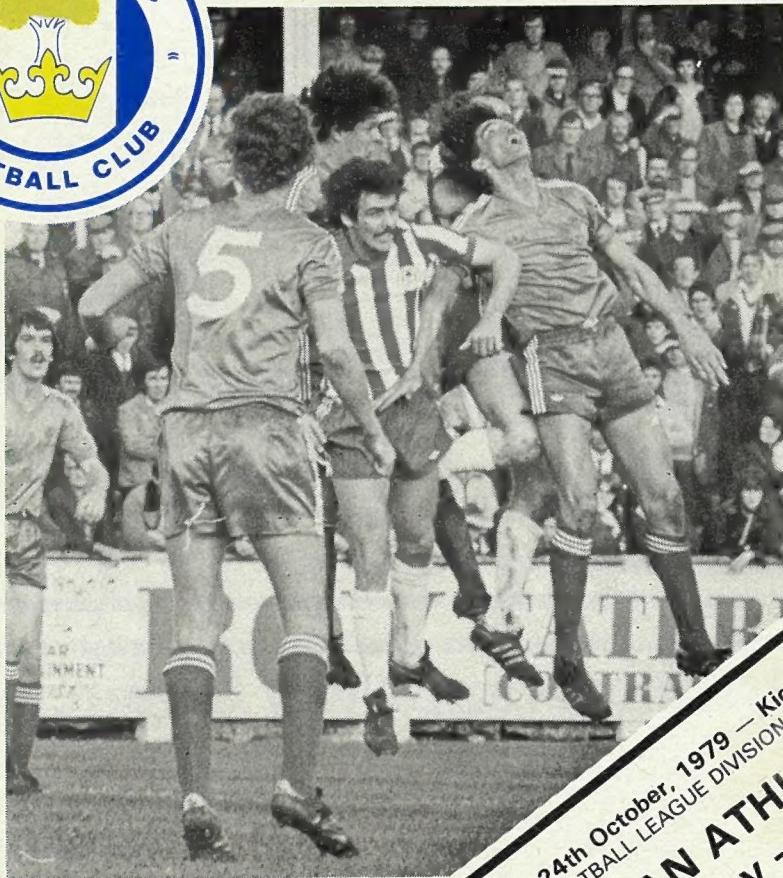


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Wednesday, 24th October, 1979 — Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
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Our front page pic this week shows Peter Houghton being tightly marked by three Lincoln Defenders. (Photo by courtesy of the Wigan Observer).

Personally Speaking

by Ian McNeill



Good Evening All

A WARM welcome to Doug Collins and his Rochdale side, who last season performed miracles to get clear of the danger zone. However, they are again struggling to get their game together but they will fight all the way. So we will not get points very easily tonight.

Future

This week has been an extremely encouraging one as, it being school holiday period, we have had quite a few youngsters down, and once again our local scouts have unearthed a few promising lads, with whom we will be keeping in touch to monitor their progress and keep them interested in Wigan Athletic. This is all part and parcel of the eventual ascent of "Latics" to the upper regions.

Lincoln

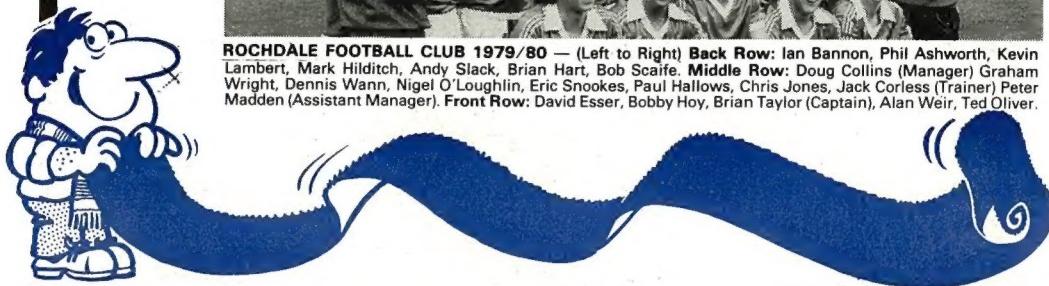
This was a particularly uplifting result after our recent defeats. I would also like to think it was the start of a run which will once again take us into a challenging position by the turn of the year. It was also a match which saw the emergence of young Tony Quinn, who showed the qualities of a player of the future. These qualities have been brought to the fore by Fred Eyre in our second team, and is also a boost for the second team lads in knowing that when the timing is right they will get their chance.

Ian McNeill.

WELCOME TO



ROCHDALE FOOTBALL CLUB 1979/80 — (Left to Right) Back Row: Ian Bannon, Phil Ashworth, Kevin Lambert, Mark Hilditch, Andy Slack, Brian Hart, Bob Scaife. Middle Row: Doug Collins (Manager) Graham Wright, Dennis Wann, Nigel O'Loughlin, Eric Snookes, Paul Hallows, Chris Jones, Jack Corless (Trainer) Peter Madden (Assistant Manager). Front Row: David Ester, Bobby Hoy, Brian Taylor (Captain), Alan Weir, Ted Oliver.



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ROCHDALE FOOTBALL CLUB

WHEN ROCHDALE finished the 1978-1979 season with seven wins from their last eight games, thus avoiding the necessity to apply for re-election to the Football League, it appeared that at last our near neighbours had turned the corner and could hope for much better things in Season 1979-1980. Unfortunately, with the new season barely two months old "The Dale" again have a battle on their hands to pull themselves clear of the Football League basement.

For the hard-working Rochdale Board of Directors, the long-suffering Spotland fans and for Manager, Doug Collins, in particular, any semblance of pre-season optimism has now evaporated in the cold light of reality. With a quarter of the season already gone, the Rochdale Football Club finds itself once again near the foot of the league table, and, hard as Doug Collins tries to reshuffle his pack, that little bit of luck is missing.

Like Wigan, the Spotland club are always on the alert for a "bargain" buy, but bargains are not easy to obtain and all too often a manager finds his salvation through faith in those who have previously served him well and from his own previous experiences as a professional, knowing that every team can have its five minutes and that sooner or later, even a side which is struggling will string together a series of good results. "The Dale" are used to soldiering on and we, in Wigan, who for

so long battled unsuccessfully to get into the Football League, know only too well the frustrations of just missing out on the final breakthrough and the need to plug away at the task even though, at times fate seems determined to beat one to one's knees. Stick with it, Rochdale, a club which has fought such a good fight must eventually turn the corner!!

For the connoisseur, it is interesting to note that Rochdale joined the Football League in 1921 and twice finished as runners-up in the old Third Division North in Season 1923-1924 and 1926-1927. The club's best ever placing came in season 1969-1970 when "The Dale" finished ninth in the Third Division. Rochdale's best performance in the F.A. Cup came in Season 1970-1971, when their team reached the Fourth Round. One outstanding claim to fame, however, is that, in 1962, Rochdale finished as defeated finalists in the Football League Cup Competition (a record performance by a Fourth Division Club).

May we, therefore, bid a warm Wigan welcome to our friends from Rochdale, whose hospitality to visitors is as legendary as their club's fighting spirit. Whether you, the visitor, be Director, Manager, player or spectator, we trust you will enjoy tonight's game, have a safe journey home, and we look forward eagerly to the return visit to Spotland in a fortnight's time.

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Commercial Chatter

IT HAS been very pleasing to receive the many compliments about our match programme. Inevitably there have also been criticisms, and these too have been welcome and in certain instances fully justified. Although steps forward have been made, we are, in my opinion, still a little way short of the "perfect" programme. Perhaps the biggest problem which one encounters when planning a programme for any club is to relate the estimated cost of a minimum run of programmes to the anticipated number of programme-purchasing spectators likely to attend not only an individual game, but a whole series of fixtures over the length of a season. The introduction of colour and photographic processing can add further to production costs, and to attempt to meet the demands of the public for a top-class programme can be a hazardous business, particularly when one bears in mind that sudden inclement weather can knock two or three thousand people off the "gate" or even cause a postponement, thus leaving a large quantity of programmes unsold.

It is interesting to note that, although Wigan Athletic are the

second-best supported club in the Fourth Division, only at the games against Portsmouth and Bradford City were match-day programme sales of sufficient volume to produce a profit. Fortunately, sales from Smiths' in Mesnes Street, programme subscriptions, bulk orders, and late sales from the Soccer Shop help to brighten the picture, as does the revenue received from advertisements in the programme. All in all, however, one is left with the dilemma whether to view the programme principally as a P.R. tool and not seek to make a major profit, or to play safe and produce a programme of lesser quality which will not cost as much to produce as the glossy version and probably realise a greater profit. All this before one gets down to the nitty-gritty of variety of content, contributors, art-work, colour and photographic processing, lay-out and final pricing. My own personal preference is to opt for a programme of which both the club and the regular fan can be proud, and to go for a reduced profit. Unless one can attract five figure gates it is difficult to take any real advantage from the "run-on" figures offered by a printer. One is

unlikely to make any major profit even on a "cheaper" version, since the less attractive version is likely to be more difficult to sell. I am sure of one thing, however, and that is that at twenty pence per copy our match-day programme offers real value for money!!

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the £1,000 Jackpot Draw for Lottery No. 9 was Mrs. Rita Aspinall of 75 Thicknesse Avenue, Beech Hill, Wigan. Congratulations to Mrs. Aspinall, who is a regular visitor to our Supporters Club at Springfield Park and to our Stewards, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Moss who sold the ticket from behind the bar.

Tonight we have rather a novel ball donation. Six supporters on the popular side have clubbed together to provide the money for the match ball. These supporters wish to remain anonymous, but we cannot let the occasion pass without thanking them for their generous gesture.

Enjoy tonight's match.

JACK SUDWORTH,
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Lancashire League Scene

by Fred Eyre

OUR YOUTH team go marching on, their 3 - 0 victory over Bury in an entertaining replay at Springfield Park takes them through all the qualifying rounds and into a plum draw at home to Sheffield Wednesday.

It was the first time the Wigan public had had the opportunity to see our young players in action because all the previous games had been drawn away, and I don't think they were disappointed because they gave the boys a wonderful ovation at the end.

Mike Quinn caught the eye with two fine goals, his second, a tremendous individual effort from thirty yards was one of the finest goals seen at Springfield Park for a long time.

George McAllister, captain in place of the injured Keith Mayer, looked a quality player throughout

and crowned a fine display with another beautifully taken goal. We looked very tight at the back with Greg Hill and Andrew West commanding at the heart of the defence, supported well by full backs Paul Fury and Kenny Freeman. Behind them goalkeeper Mark O'Donnell looked unbeatable on the night.

Our two apprentice professionals Mark Wignall and Davie Glenn between them tore holes in the Bury defence on the right hand side and with Gary Crosby supporting McAllister well in midfield and Barry Smith combining well with Quinn up front they proved too strong for the Third Division Club.

With other good players in the squad for David Crompton to call on if necessary we relish the challenge of a visit from Jack Charlton's boys in the next round.

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Player Profile



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TOMMY GORE (Midfield)

TOMMY was born in Liverpool and educated at Liverpool Institute Grammar School. The school eventually suspended him from football for about two months as he was playing for the school in the mornings and Liverpool in the afternoons.

Tommy joined Liverpool on schoolboy forms when 15 and stayed at Liverpool for four years. The highlight of his days at Anfield was playing in an F.A. Youth Cup Final, when the Merseysiders were beaten by Aston Villa.

When Ron Yeats moved to Tranmere, Tommy went with him and spent eighteen months at Prenton on full-time terms, but things did not work out as he had hoped. Somewhat disenchanted Tommy first of all joined Wigan on loan, but eventually decided to sign just prior to going for a summer to America. After a wonderful stay in the States, Tommy signed as a part-

time professional for Wigan on his return. Since which time Tommy has been a very popular player with the Wigan spectators and almost an ever-present member of the first team.

On a return visit to America Tommy played against the great Pele for Dallas Tornadoes, and he managed to acquire Pele's shirt, which he has kept ever since.

A busy player, who has many times brought the crowd to its feet to greet one of his goal-scoring right foot thunderbolts, Tommy Gore had a wonderful first year in League Football. For the last two seasons Tommy has been the fans' undisputed choice as "Player of the Year", quite an achievement when one observes the rapidity with which local followers place a player on a pedestal only to knock him down equally as quickly.

Married with one son, and another youngster on the way, Tommy has suddenly developed a passion for golf. It is to be hoped, however, that it will be some time before Wigan's pocket dynamo hangs up his boots and is put out to grass on the eighteenth hole!!

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ABOVE:

A header from Peter Houghton skims past the upright, as Lincoln City defenders anxiously look on.

TOP RIGHT:

Almost a debut goal for Tony Quinn.

BOTTOM RIGHT:

Almost a third goal for Houghton, as he hangs on to the Lincoln defence.

Springfield Spotlight



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for Peter
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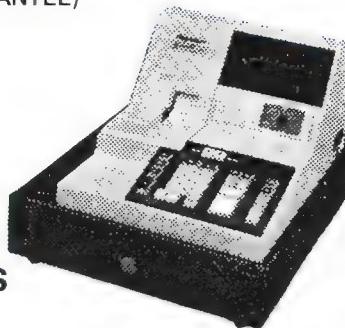
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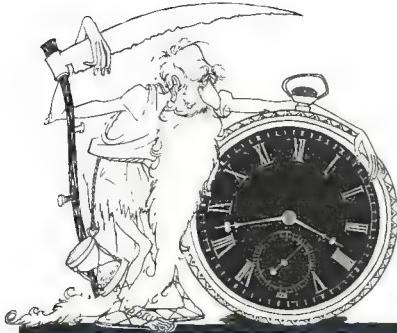
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Down Memory Lane

by Harold Ashurst

ON SATURDAY, 24th October, 1970, Wigan Athletic were involved in what was surely one of the finest matches ever played in the Northern Premier League. The opposition was provided by the almost unbeatable Macclesfield Town, winners of the League for the first two years of its existence and a farce second to none on their own Moss Rose ground.

Wigan were managed then by Gordon Milne and he was steadily forming them into one of the most successful Latics' teams. Latics' play had captured the imagination and for the match with Macclesfield there was a massive following into Cheshire to cheer them on.

"Macc" were top of the League at the time and with Wigan quickly emerging to take their title as the country's best non-league club the match was billed as a possible classic. No one who was present that day was to be disappointed.

Latics beat Macclesfield 3 - 1 and inflicted upon them only their third defeat in 46 home Premier League games. The game marked the decline of Macclesfield and the re-emergence of Wigan Athletic.

The match contained everything. Thrills, goals, controversy and a missed penalty.

Macclesfield took the lead through the almost legendary Brian Fidler in the first half and they went in at half time leading by a single goal. The second half was a different thing. Despite having a number of players not fully fit Athletic stormed forward, responding to the leadership of the magnificent Jim Fleming and goals from Fleming himself, Geoff Davies and an own goal by Macclesfield's Sievewright set the seal on a great Latics' performance.

That missed penalty? That came in the last minute and it was "fluffed" TWICE by Macclesfield goalscorer — Fidler.

The Wigan team for that most exciting encounter was: Reeves, Morris, Sutherland, Turner, Coutts, Gillibrand, Temple, Todd, Davies, Fleming, Breen, Sub. Milne.

Macclesfield lined up: Cooke, Sievewright, Bennett, Beaumont, Collins, Roberts, Morris (l), Fidler (B), Young Corfield, Lyon, Sub. Fidler (D).

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Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first.

Player scoring in bold.
† Player substituted.

2 Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	Fixture	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 11	Stockport FLC1	1 - 2	6,004	R Ward	Smart	Hinigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton*	Brownbill	Purdie	Urquhart	
Aug 15	STOCKPORT FLC1	0 - 0	7,591	Shyne	Smart	Hinigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Brownbill	Purdie	Moore	
Aug 18	Darlington	2 - 2	2,063	Shyne	Smart	Hinigan*	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie*	Davids	
Aug 22	HUDDERSFIELD	1 - 2	6,927	Shyne	Smart	Hinigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore*	Purdie	Brownbill	
Aug 25	Stockport County	2 - 1	3,837	Shyne	Smart	Hinigan	Gore*	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton*	Moore	Purdie	N Ward	
Sep 1	PORTSMOUTH	1 - 2	8,198	Shyne	Smart	Hinigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Urquhart	
Sep 8	Bournemouth	2 - 1	4,390	Shyne	Smart	Hinigan	Gore	Hart	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Brownbill*	
Sep 15	YORK CITY	2 - 5	5,980	Shyne	Smart	Hinigan	Gore	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Purdie	Urquhart*	
Sep 19	HARTELEPOOL	2 - 1	4,877	Shyne	Smart	Hinigan	Gore	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton*	Purdie	
Sep 22	Hereford United	1 - 2	3,891	Shyne	Gore	Hinigan	Purdie	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Urquhart	
Sep 29	BRADFORD CITY	4 - 1	8,009	Shyne	Gore*	Hinigan*	Urquhart	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton*	Crompton	
Oct 6	TORQUAY UNITED	0 - 3	6,541	Shyne	Gore	Hinigan	Urquhart	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Crompton	
Oct 9	Huddersfield Town	0 - 4	7,871	Brown	Gore	Hinigan	Urquhart	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	McHaven	
Oct 13	Doncaster Rovers	1 - 3	4,169	Brown	Macivor*	Hinigan	Gore	Methven	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Urquhart	
Oct 20	LINCOLN CITY	2 - 1	5,454	Brown	Fretwell	Hinigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton*	Moore	Urquhart	T. Quinn	
Oct 24	ROCHDALE															
Oct 27	Newport County															
Nov 3	DARLINGTON															
Nov 6	Rochdale															
Nov 9	Tranmere Rovers															
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 4 — TABLE AS AT 22nd OCTOBER 1979.

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14	1	3	3	5	8	0	1	6	6	18	6
14	2	1	4	8	13	0	0	7	1	21	5

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Fourth Division Focus

by Chris Gill



IT'S FINALLY HAPPENED... Walsall have lost their unbeaten League record. Their slip showed at the weekend when, attempting to extend their run to fourteen games without defeat, a 1 - 2 defeat by a revitalised Halifax Town outfit ended the sequence of success.

Halifax are hoping to further strengthen their push for promotion by making a bid for Scunthorpe United's Steve Earle.

Meanwhile, Hartlepools United are going to find it increasingly difficult to cling on to their teenage striker Keith Houchen. The latest bout of interest in the player comes from no less a place than Anfield.

Former Bolton Wanderers full back, John Ritson, is in great demand by Crewe Alexandra and managerless Stockport County. Stockport Manager, Mike Summerbee resigned his post last week as his side slid nearer the bottom of the table.

High flying Bradford City might turn to former Manchester City mid-field star Mick Horswill to steady their side. Darlington and in-form Torquay United are also interested in the player.

Crewe's unsettled star Paul Bowles is expected to be on the move soon. League leaders Portsmouth, for whom money seems to be no object, as they build a powerful squad, are favourites to sign

Bowles. However, Pompey's bid to sign former Coventry City star Brian Alderson has fallen through because the player doesn't want to leave the Midlands.

Having failed to bring Alan Hudson to Gresty Road, Crewe manager Tony Waddington has cast his sights high in a bid to attract an "old head". He has now set his eyes on no less a player than Nottingham Forest's John O'Hare.

Locally, Ian McNeill has released young Latics reserve player Nigel Hart, while the manager's bid to bring Rochdale winger Bobby Hoy to Springfield Park seems to have failed.

On a crowd note, the 23,871 attendance for last Saturday's Portsmouth game against Bradford City was the third highest outside the First Division and higher than the attendances at Coventry, Derby, Middlesbrough, Norwich and West Bromwich where players worth millions of pounds were on view!

Leading goalscorers in the Fourth Division, including last Saturday, Walsh (Darlington), Fletcher and Robins (Huddersfield Town) and Garwood (Portsmouth), all credited with eleven goals.

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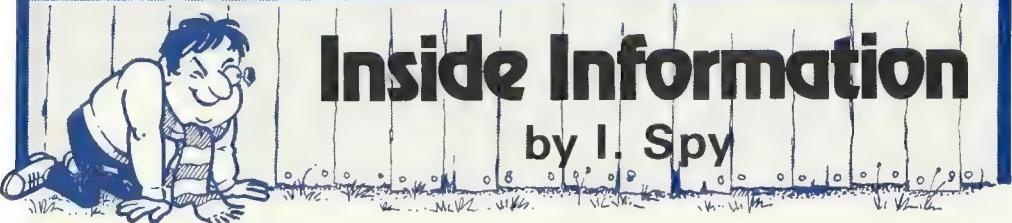
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Inside Information

by I. Spy

THERE IS no truth in the rumour that Company Secretary, Derek Welsby, is tight with money. Evidently this rumour started when members of the Groundstaff, complaining of the early morning cold, requested gloves to make their tasks that little easier to perform. Derek strongly denies that he told the staff concerned to come back again when they had frostbite!!!

It is equally untrue that Jack Sudworth has received an offer to write a book entitled "The Confessions of a Commercial Manager". Jack does not deny that he has recently been calling on houses late at night, and has, on one occasion, been greeted with two giggling ladies in nightdresses, but that is as far as it has gone to date. With Jack's luck it looks like being a long hard winter!!

One gem to emerge during the last seven days concerned one highly embarrassed

female member of our office staff. Dealing with a customer in her usual cool and courteous manner, she never batted an eyelid when the gentleman in question asked her "Do you ever have any old socks and shorts, you don't want?" Being used to strange requests, she did not allow the shock to show as she replied "Occasionally, but they wouldn't be much good to anyone when I've finished with them!!!" The lady in question was completely nonplussed when her visitor almost collapsed in hysterics, along with the rest of the office staff who had overheard the conversation.

As the lady said later, "I thought it a bit funny at the time, but I didn't wish to offend the gentleman, and you must admit we do get some funny people in here!!!"

Surely not **that** funny!!!

TO ALL 'Latics' and Rochdale supporters, good evening and welcome to Springfield Park.

I understand that it is possible that in last Saturday's programme, the print in our 'club-news' section may have been a little indistinct, so with your permission I will repeat our forthcoming social programme at the club:-

On Saturday night next, 27th October, we have one of our very popular artists returning — **David Franks**, and on Sunday night, we are looking forward to "**Carnaby Street**" visiting us. I understand that this act was formerly "Babycham" and as such justified good reports in the "Scene" Magazine.

Other forthcoming attractions are:

Saturday, 3rd Nov. — "**Berkley Square**"
Sunday, 4th Nov. — "**Book Ends**"

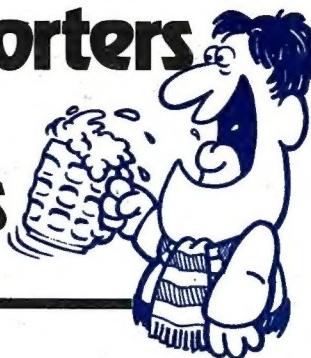
On Monday evening, November 12th at 7.30 p.m. we have the Second Round of the Radio Manchester Sportsman's Quiz Competition —

Latics Supporters v Rochdale Hornets Supporters, plus a second game on the same evening between two teams still to be named. These games will be recorded in the club by Radio Manchester.

For the record we have forwarded our entry for the National Federation of Supporters' Clubs Football Quiz and will keep you informed as to the result of the draw, which I understand is on a regional basis during the earlier rounds.

On Thursday, 15th November at 8.00 p.m., we

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have our first opportunity to present the "**Fab-Maxi**" Show. On very good authority I hear that this is a night full of top class artistes and entertainment, including such well known names as Lania and Terry Devon, Dave Parkin and Glen Scott. Tickets will be available this weekend, priced 60p., and as at the time of writing more than half are already spoken for, I would recommend you to get your ticket early.

I am certain that in our programme we have something that you would enjoy, so why not come along.

Sincerely,
Peter Woods.



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A last word from the chairman . . .

IT GIVES me particular pleasure to welcome the Rochdale Football Club, a club where I have always received a warm personal reception, even prior to Wigan's entry into the Football League. We at Wigan Athletic will do our best to match the quality of hospitality which Rochdale always afford their guests, and directors, staff, players and supporters of "The Dale" are very welcome at Springfield Park tonight.

I was delighted, last Saturday, to have the privilege of watching our side defeat Lincoln City, and I was even more pleased with the support given to our players by the spectators. The game against our Lincolnshire opponents was not an easy one, and I hope that in the coming weeks we can build on Saturday's effort and continue our climb up the league table.

I would like to draw the attention of my readers to the run of success currently being enjoyed by our Youth XI. To reach the Competition Proper of the F.A. Youth Cup is a wonderful achievement, and I hope as many Wigan supporters as possible will attend our "plum" home game against Sheffield Wednesday, in the First Round Proper, on Monday 29th October, 1979, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

This game will bring back memories of our epic F.A. Cup game against the Hillsborough Club, two years ago, and we will all be over the moon if our youngsters topple Jack Charlton's boys and go through to the next round. Our Youth XI play excellent soccer and your support might be the factor to tip the scales in our favour.

Enjoy tonight's game and, once again, give our team every encouragement.

Sincerely,



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Joe Hinnigan	3	Larry Milligan
Tommy Gore	4	David Esser
Colin Methven	5	Colin Waldron
Neil Davids	6	Brian Taylor
Frank Corrigan	7	Alan Weir
Jeff Wright	8	Dennis Wann
Peter Houghton	9	Bobby Hoy
Tony Quinn	10	Mark Hilditch
George Urquhart	11	John McDermot
Alan Crompton	12	Chris Jones
		Ian Bannon

Rochdale

Green and
Yellow Stripes
Selected from

Officials

Referee:
Mr. V.G. Callow
(Solihull)

Commenced refereeing in 1966 through various Leagues to the West Midlands (Regional) League and then to Football League in 1974. Officiated as Linesman in England v Wales Under 21 International 1976/77, and in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final Replay Manchester United v Wolverhampton Wanderers 1979.

Linesmen:
Red Flag
Mr. A. Jones
(Eastham)
Yellow Flag
Mr. F. Stringfellow
(Holmes Chapel)

Here next...

Saturday, 3rd November, 1979 — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC v DARLINGTON
Football League Division 4